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[Despatch Abstract.]

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

(Abstract)

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Revenue Department

G.O.Ms.No.1647, Dated 13th July 1948.
Read the following:--

G.O.No.3102 Revenue, dated the 23rd December 1947
Memorandum No.4008-F/47-6, dated 12th January 1948
Memorandum No.4008-F/47-11, dated 2nd April 1948
G.O.No.999 Revenue, dated 28th April 1948

Board's Reference 6146/48-1, dated 17th May 1948.

O R D E R:

In Memorandum No.4008-F/47-11 Revenue, dated 2nd April 1948, it was ordered that applications for the assignment of land from Political sufferers received subsequent to 29th February 1948 and before 31st March 1948 might be treated as having been received in time and taken into consideration. Applications are still being received even after 31st March 1948 by the Government and they are being sent to the Collectors concerned for consideration along with others. Suggestions have also been made by some of the non-official Advisory Committees constituted in G.O.No.999 Revenue, dated 28th April 1948 for further extension of time. The Government consider that further extension of time is necessary and accordingly direct that all applications received on or before 31st July 1948 be considered. Applications received after that date should be summarily rejected.

2. Orders were issued in G.O.No.3102 Revenue, dated 23rd December 1947 that each political sufferer will be assigned 5 acres of wet land or its equivalent in any single case. Subsequently, in G.O.No.999 Revenue, dated 28th April 1948 the Government directed that in the Ceded districts and other upland areas in the Province, an area which will yield an income equivalent to that from 5 acres of wet land in a normal district should be assigned. The Collectors of all districts were asked to decide in consultation with the Advisory Committees ~~whether~~/the appropriate extent of land to be granted in their respective Districts to each political sufferer should be. The Government have considered the various suggestions made from certain districts and have decided that no alteration is necessary in the general scale of 5 acres of wet and 10 acres of dry land already fixed except in the case of the Ceded Districts, where the extent of dry land should be 15 acres. The orders in G.O.No.3192, Revenue dated 23rd December 1947 are accordingly modified to this extent and the Collectors of districts should adhere to the above scales when making allotments of land to political sufferers.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

P. S. Viswanatha Ayyar,
Secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue)
To All Collectors.

(True copy)

Office Assistant,

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

PRESS NOTE.

(NO.174, D/14-7-1948.)

In their Press Note No.88, dated 3-4-1948 the Government announced that the Collectors of Districts were instructed to treat applications received subsequent to 29th February 1948 and before 31st March 1948 as having been received in time. The Government now desire to make it known th to all concerned that the Government have further extended the time upto 31st July 1948 for the receipt of applications from political sufferers. Applications which were returned as time barred should therefore be presented again to the Collectors concerned before 31st July 1948. The Government also desire to make it clear to all concerned that applications received by the Government or by the Collectors after 31st July 1948 will in no circumstances be considered.

2. In their Press Note No.305, dated 23rd December 1947 the Government announced that each political sufferer would be assigned 5 acres of wet or land or its equivalent in any single case. Later, in their Press Note No.111 dated 28th April 1948 the Government announced that in the Ceded districts and other upland areas in the Province the extent of land to be assigned would be such as would yield the same income as 5 acres of wet land elsewhere. The Collectors of all districts were asked to decide in consultation with the Advisory Committees what the appropriate extent of land to be granted in their respective districts to each political sufferer should be. The Government have considered the various suggestions received and have decided that no alteration is necessary in the general scale of 5 acres of wet or 10 acres of dry land already fixed except in the case of Ceded districts, where the extent of dry land which may be granted to any individual applicant has now been fixed at 15 acres. The Government are issuing instructions to Collectors to adhere to the areas fixed above when making allotments of land to political sufferers.

V. K. Rao,
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

(True copy)

Office Assistant,
Madras Record Office.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

To A.S.

Please see the notes from p.1 ante.

2. The file deals with the proposals -

(1) to extend the time for receipt of application from political sufferers up to 31st May 1948 and

(2) to fix the extent of wet and dry land to be granted to each political sufferer in the several districts

(i) Extension of time for receipt of applications from political sufferers upto 31st May 1948:

In view of the fact that a number of applications received here even after 31st March 1948 have been sent to the Collectors of the Districts concerned with instructions that the applications should be regarded as having been received in time and considered on their merits, this Department is of the opinion that it would perhaps be fair to extent the time till 31st May 1948 as proposed by the Collector of Chingleput.

(ii) Fixation of the extent of wet and dry land to be granted to each political sufferer in the several districts:

In G.O.No.3102 Revenue, dated 23rd December 1947, it was originally stated that each political sufferer will be assigned 5 acres of wet land or its equivalent in any single case. Subsequently in G.O.No.999 Revenue, dated 28th April 1948 it was ordered that in the Ceded districts and other upland areas in the Province an area which will yield an income equivalent to that from 5 acres of wet land in a normal district should be assigned. The Non-Official Advisory Committee appointed for Chingleput district has recommended grant of an extent of 7½ acres of wet land and 15 acres of dry land or 10 acres of Manavari land in Chingleput district to each political sufferer The non-official Advisory Committee constituted for Anantapur District has recommended grant of 12 acres of Irrigable land and 25 acres of Dry land in that district to each political sufferer. To avoid over-generosity on the part of the District authorities in this behalf, Secretary has observed that the extent of land to be granted to political sufferers in each District should be fixed with reference to the standard outturn expected from 5 acres of wet land in a normal district.

Public (Economics and Statistics) have suggested that it would be safer to proceed on the basis of the average yield per acre during the past 5 years rather than the normal yield per acre. On this basis they have worked out a statement which is put up at 'Y' That statement shows the extents of wet and dry lands in each district which will yield an income equivalent to that from 5 acres of wet land in a normal district. Development have suggested that except in the case of the following districts a uniform extent of 5 acres of wet or 10 acres of dry land would be fair.

Vizagapatam, Kurnoool, Anantapur, Chingleput and Malabar in respect of wet lands.

Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Chingleput, South Arcot, Tanjore and South Kanara in respect of dry lands. It appears that Development have suggested a uniform extent of five acres of wet or 10 acres of dry in the case of districts in which the extents are approximately below or above those extents. They have however omitted Bellary,

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Bellary, Nellore, Chittoor and Ramnad in respect of wet lands and North Arcot, Madura, Malabar and the Nilgiris in respect of dry lands. If the suggestion of Development is to be accepted, the extents noted in the statement will have to be adopted in respect of these districts also. For orders.

The statement put up by Public (E& S) at (Y) appears useful and may be perused. Cols. 4 and 5 of that statement gives the extents - wet and dry respectively which will yield a produce equivalent to 5 acres of wet land in a normal district. As the Government have already announced the grant of 5 acres of wet or 10 acres of dry land it may not be desirable to go below those limits. When the extents estimated - colums 5 & 6 go above the above limit, such extents rounded off to the next higher limit in whole acres may be given. It possible that these revised extents may be much below the expectations of Committees of certain districts. But as a uniform standard is necessary and as (Y) gives such a standard on the best information available so far, it may be adopted and the position explained by a Press Note, if necessary.

Orders may now be taken in circulation on the two points dealt with in this file:-

A (i) whether instructions may go to all Collectors to take into consideration applications received up to 31st May 1938; and

We may extend it to 30-6-48. 31-5- is already over.
P.S.V.
4-6-48

(ii) Whether the standards suggested in columns 4 and 5 at (Y) may be adopted in the matter of the grant of lands subject to the modifications -

B (a) that the case of districts where the estimated extents are less than 5 acres of wet or 10 acres of dry, the extents to be allotted may continue to be 5 acres of wet or 10 acres of dry; and

(b) that the extents suggested may be rounded off to the next higher limit of an acre e.g. in cases where the limit comes to 5-43 acre the prescribed extent may be 6 acres.

A and B pre-page may be accepted, except that time may be extended till 30th June 1948.

P.S.V.
4-6-48

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5-6-48 H.M.(L.R)

To A.S.

Please see the notes from p.11 ante and the orders in circulation above.

2. The Draft Order and a Press note are submitted for approval.

We need not give any details in the Press Note, but it is alright as it stands.

P.S.V.
8-6-48

I do not think para 2 of the draft Press Note below is at all necessary. Even if it is considered necessary, I do not think we need give the accompanying detailed statement showing the extent of wet or dry land to be assigned in each district.

Circulated for approval of the Draft Order and the Press Note.

P.S.V.
6-4-48

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9-6-48 H.M. (L.R.)

Previously we have stated five acres of wet or ten acres of dry land. If we show any discrimination to any district there is a possibility of agitation arising. So it should be a uniform scale in all Dts.

O.P.R.
12-6-48 - H.Pr.

Revenue Department.

ROUTINE.

Please see the minutes of H.Pr. at the bottom of p.14 N.F.

2. In Press Note No.305 d/23-12-47 it was announced that each political sufferer will be assigned five acres of wet land or its equivalent in any single case. Subsequently in Press Note No.111 d/28-4-48 it was announced that in the Ceded districts and other upland areas in the Province where the soil is poor, land (wet or dry) may not yield the same income as an equal area in other parts of the province, and that in such backward tracts, therefore an area which will yield the same income as 5 acres of wet land elsewhere will be assigned. The Collectors have been instructed to decide the suitable extent for this purpose in consultation with the members of the respective Advisory Committees. The non-official Advisory Committee appointed for Chingleput district has recommended grant of an extent of 7½ acres of wet land or 15 acres of dry land or 10 acres of Manavari land in Chingleput district to each political sufferer. The non-official advisory Committee for Anantapur district has recommended grant of 12 acres of irrigable land or 25 acres of dry land in that district to each political sufferer. To avoid over-generosity on the part of the District authorities in this behalf, this department consider that the extent of land to be granted to political sufferers in each district should be fixed with reference to the standard outturn expected from 5 acres of wet land in a normal district. The question has been examined with reference to the average yield per acre of wet or dry crops in each district. It is considered that the uniformity of treatment will generally be achieved by aissigning in each district the extent of wet land shown against it in column 2 or dry land shown against it in column 3 of the Annexure. It is respectfully submitted that the orders now proposed to be issued are in conformity with the decisions already taken and the announcements already made.

These orders were issued after circulation, but as H.P.r was away H.M.(P.W) approved the proposals on behalf of H.Pr.

V.S.
14-6-48

P.S.V.
14-6-1948 ** **
14-6-48 H.M.(L.R).

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For dry areas in ceded districts may be increased by five acres and in other districts uniformity should be maintained.

O-P.R.
19-6-48 H.Pr.

To A.S.

The file may be circulated to H.M.(L.R) for perusal of the minute of H.Pr. above.

The order is -
Wet .. 5 acres
Dry .. 10 acres
Dry Ceded Dts. .. 15 acres

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23-6-48 H.M.(L.R.)

To A.S.

Please see the orders in circulation above.

A revised draft order and a draft Press Note are submitted for approval. Finance may perhaps see before circulation of the file to H.M.(P.W.) for approval of the draft Press Note.

C.S.R.
24-6-48

It is understood that the minute above of H.M.(L.R) dated 23-6-48 was received after discussion with H.Pr.

Let H.M.(P.W) and H.Pr. also see after the file returns from Finance.

P.S.V.
24-6-48

Finance (Accts.-A) Deptt.

Notes and orders in circulation on pp.15-16 above, the draft order and the draft Press Note may be perused.

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25-6-48.

Revenue Department.

May be marked for circulation to H.M. (L.R), H.M.(P.W) and H.Pr.

P.S.V.
26-6-48

K.V.R.
28-6-48 H.M.(L.R)

M.B.
30-6-48 H.M.(P.W)

It is ridiculous to send this kind of Press Communique after 30-6-1948.

O.P.R.
7-7-48.

To U.S.

Please see the minute of H.Pr. above. It is respectfully submitted that there is no delay in the matter on the part of the office.

2. The draft order and the draft Press note have been suitably altered. The draft order as altered may now issue and the draft press note as altered may be sent to the Director of Information and Publicity for issue. After issue, the file may be circulated to H.M.(L.R), H.M.(P.W) and H.Pr. for perusal.

I think it will be necessary to give a fresh date in place of 30th June 1948. Should we give the time up to 31st July 1948.

The revised draft press note and G.O. are for approval.

V.K.R.
8-7-48.

K.V.R. H.M.(L.R)
10-7-48
M.B.
10-7-48 H.M.(P.W.
O.P.R.
13-7-48 H.Pr.

p.t.o.

To U.S.

The draft order has been given for issue. The file may now be sent to the Director of Information and Publicity for issue of the Press Note.

C.S.R.
13-7-48

Please issue

P.C.D.
13-7-48.

P.W. (I & P) Department.

The Press note has been issued. The case may be returned to Revenue.

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15-7-1948.

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Madras Record Office. 31/5

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